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Warsaw has signalled that it wants to improve relations with the US and other Western countries, probably to regain access to credits and advanced industrial equipment.

- o The current amnesty--the fourth since 1983--is probably partly aimed at appeasing the West. Two senior Solidarity figures are among 76 of the 350 political prisoners the regime holds who have been released so far.
- o Warsaw plans to send a parliamentary delegation to Washington in September to discuss improving relations.

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Jaruzelski's Political Strength

General Wojciech Jaruzelski emerged from the recent party congress with increased control over the top party leadership.

- o Jaruzelski removed ideological extremists of both the left and the right from the Politburo and Secretariat and replaced them with his close supporters, including three generals.
- o Jaruzelski received a warm personal endorsement from Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev who appeared satisfied with Warsaw's political and economic policies.

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Jaruzelski wants to purge his remaining opponents from the government and party bureaucracies through new personnel procedures and local party elections that begin in the fall. It will not be easy.

- o The Central Committee--despite a 70 percent turnover in membership at the congress--still contains some outspoken opponents who have not been afraid to criticise openly Jaruzelski's handling of the party and the economy.
- o Party bureaucrats have successfully resisted previous efforts to oust them.

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Opposition

The populace, especially Polish youth, remains alienated and unwilling to work hard for a regime that does not enjoy its trust and that cannot bring about economic improvement.

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The Church hierarchy, while still intent on averting violence, may become more outspoken in its criticism of the regime.

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The opposition movement remains a long term force that has adopted a strategy of ensuring continued popular opposition through programs of education and publishing. [REDACTED]

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A Troubled Economy

Energy and raw materials shortages, an outdated capital stock, a heavy foreign debt burden, and an unmotivated work force will limit economic recovery.

- o The populace appears dispirited and not in a mood to resume widespread demonstrations or strikes.
- o Nor does the regime seem inclined to risk rekindling popular unrest by imposing greater austerity on Polish consumers. [REDACTED]

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Tensions are likely to develop between Warsaw and Moscow over economic matters if Poland is unable to reduce its heavy reliance on Soviet subsidies or if the Polish economy experiences another major downturn. [REDACTED]

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